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| 3 | IN THE MATTER OF:) | | | | | | |
| 4 | ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION) On Its Own Motion,) | | | | | | |
| 5 | v.) | | | | | | |
| 6 7 |) No. T14-007! IOWA PACIFIC HOLDINGS -) CHICAGO TERMINAL RAILWAY,) | | | | | | |
| 8 | Citation with respect to Chicago) Terminal Railway and the failure) to maintain various highway-rail) | | | | | | |
| 9 | grade crossing surfaces in) accordance with the requirements) | | | | | | |
| 10 | accordance with the requirements) of 92 III. Adm. Code Part 1535.203. | | | | | | |
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- 1 JUDGE DUGGAN: Pursuant to the authority vested
- 2 in me by the State of Illinois and the Illinois
- 3 Commerce Commission, I now call Docket T14-0075 for a
- 4 hearing.
- 5 May I have appearances, starting with
- 6 Mr. Michaud.
- 7 MR. MICHAUD: David Michaud for Iowa Pacific
- 8 Holdings and Chicago Terminal Railway.
- 9 JUDGE DUGGAN: Generally, they still like you
- 10 to give your business address and your telephone
- 11 number and your an attorney representing who.
- 12 MR. MICHAUD: Okay. Our business address is
- 13 118 South Clinton, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois
- 14 60661. Phone number is (312) 667-0377 and again, I'm
- 15 appearing as the attorney for Iowa Pacific and
- 16 Chicago Terminal Railway.
- 17 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And --
- 18 MR. MICHAUD: And in house counsel for both.
- 19 JUDGE DUGGAN: Right.
- 20 You're in house counsel, you're not a
- 21 separate law firm, correct?
- MR. MICHAUD: Yes.

- JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. And Mr. Vercruysse?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: Thank you, your Honor.
- 3 Brian Vercruysse, representing the
- 4 Rail Safety Section Staff for the Illinois Commerce
- 5 Commission. Address: 527 East Capitol Avenue,
- 6 Springfield, Illinois 62701, and my phone number is
- 7 (312) 636-7760. Thank you.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Very good.
- 9 And for the Chicago attorney, we're
- 10 going to hold off on you for a second here. Spell
- 11 your last name -- or pronounce your last name for me
- 12 one more time, please.
- 13 MR. POLICICCHIO: Policicchio.
- 14 JUDGE DUGGAN: One more time. Something
- 15 interrupted that.
- Say it again, please.
- 17 MR. POLICICCHIO: Policicchio.
- 18 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And you're with the
- 19 State's Attorney's Office? Or -- no, you're just
- 20 with the City's Attorney's Office, City of Chicago,
- 21 correct?
- MR. POLICICCHIO: Yes, your Honor, with the

- 1 City Department of Law.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: And to be clear again, The City
- 3 of Chicago is not a party to this proceeding, but you
- 4 believe that a prior attorney has entered -- has
- 5 represented the City at the hearing, correct?
- 6 MR. POLICICCHIO: No, your Honor.
- 7 I looked at the docket and I did not
- 8 see any appearance by an attorney from the City.
- 9 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. We're expecting that a
- 10 city employee, Mr. Joe Alonzo, may testify or
- 11 otherwise have relevant information here.
- So you're here for that purpose, to be
- 13 with him; is that correct.
- 14 MR. POLICICCHIO: Yes, that's correct.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Mr. -- is it anticipated
- 16 Mr. Alonzo's going to testify, Mr. Vercruysse?
- 17 MR. VERCRUYSSE: I don't know that it's a
- 18 necessity, but I believe if there's questions or
- 19 issues regarding the permitting, he is here and
- 20 available to discuss it.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Well, Mr. Alonzo, let's
- 22 just swear you in in case we do need to do that.

- 1 How's that?
- Would you raise your right hand.
- 3 (Witness sworn.)
- 4 JUDGE DUGGAN: Thank you very much.
- 5 And I guess, Mr. Fuhrer, I should have
- 6 sworn him you in too.
- 7 Mr. Fuhrer, do you want to raise your
- 8 right hand?
- 9 (Witness sworn.)
- 10 JUDGE DUGGAN: Thank you very much.
- 11 All right. Well, it's my
- 12 understanding that -- let me get this straight.
- What are the two streets,
- 14 Mr. Vercruysse, Division and what?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: And North Avenue.
- 16 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And Division is the one
- 17 that repairs of the crossing were awaiting the
- 18 potential for the entire street grade to be changed?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: That's correct, your Honor.
- 20 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And North Avenue,
- 21 temporary repairs were done, but it's my
- 22 understanding that you want to discuss that one,

- 1 whether those temporary repairs are going to hold and
- when they would be permanent, and with Division, how
- 3 much longer we should be waiting to see what the
- 4 City's plans are.
- Is that a correct thumbnail sketch?
- 6 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Yes, your Honor.
- 7 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And you want to report on
- 8 the North Avenue yourself, or how do want to go about
- 9 this?
- 10 MR. VERCRUYSSE: I'm fine giving a quick report
- 11 and the activities of Staff, your Honor.
- 12 JUDGE DUGGAN: Go ahead. Let's keep it
- 13 straight, though. Let's do North Avenue first.
- 14 Okay?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: Of course. Thank you.
- 16 Your Honor, per Staff's filing on
- 17 June 24th, I did field review the crossing on
- 18 June 3rd. The crossing was improved and damaged
- 19 panels -- crossing surface panels, the rubber panels
- 20 were replaced and asphalt work was completed.
- However, it was noticed that the
- 22 pavement for eastbound lanes -- this is the pavement

- 1 in between the rails -- was settling already and the
- 2 rail was exposed, making the rides still rough in
- 3 that section.
- With Staff for filing on the 24th, I
- 5 believe further repairs are needed to correct that
- 6 asphalt issue and then, once that is corrected, I
- 7 will field review, and then, if necessary, we can
- 8 talk about potential for complete reconstruction at a
- 9 later date.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Now, what did you say?
- 11 The rubber supports for the ties?
- 12 MR. VERCRUYSSE: It was the actual crossing
- 13 surface panels, the rubber panels. Most of the
- damaged ones were removed and replaced with asphalt,
- 15 which is what we had discussed at the last hearing.
- 16 But in one --
- 17 JUDGE DUGGAN: Wait. Wait. Stop.
- 18 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Sure.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: The rubber panels were replaced
- 20 with asphalt?
- 21 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Yes.
- Most of the ones that there were

- 1 damaged were replaced with asphalt.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: And then that includes
- 3 between -- okay. How many track are in here? Just
- 4 one track?
- 5 MR. VERCRUYSSE: One track, your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE DUGGAN: And you're saying that -- okay.
- 7 So between the rails, was that
- 8 replacement rubber panels or asphalt?
- 9 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Those were -- there had been
- 10 rubber panels there that were damaged. Those were
- 11 removed, and then hot mix asphalt was put in between
- there in place of the panels.
- 13 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. So it's that hot mix
- 14 asphalt that is settling, making the potential safety
- 15 issue, correct?
- 16 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct, your Honor. And
- 17 that's identified in Staff's filing from 6/24 on
- 18 page 3, and it shows the picture where the asphalt is
- 19 settling.
- 20 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Now, on a factual basis,
- 21 Mr. Michaud, does the Chicago Terminal challenge that
- 22 representation?

- 1 MR. MICHAUD: No.
- 2 JUDGE DUGGAN: Then have you discussed
- 3 the -- fixing the problem and the time frame for that
- 4 fix?
- 5 MR. MICHAUD: Yes.
- 6 JUDGE DUGGAN: Go ahead.
- 7 MR. MICHAUD: Yes, we have.
- Following the last -- first of all,
- 9 following the last hearing -- it was the status on
- 10 April 8th, we sought a permit -- and on April 17th we
- 11 obtained a permit -- the work was performed on
- 12 May 4th, 5th, and 6th, we hired a professional crew
- to do the asphalt work, and --
- 14 JUDGE DUGGAN: Now, wait a second. Wait a
- 15 second. Wait a second. Mr. Vercruysse just
- 16 represented what he saw on June 23.
- 17 MR. MICHAUD: Right.
- That's when the inspection was done
- 19 that he, I believe became aware of the failing
- 20 asphalt --
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Well, I'm talk- --
- 22 MR. MICHAUD: I was just going to speak to what

- 1 happened following the last hearing and what our plan
- 2 is going forward.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. Well, I appreciate
- 4 that; but I'm directing my question to specifically
- 5 North Avenue alone and specifically what happened or
- 6 what the plan is for repairing the existing safety
- 7 problem that Mr. Vercruysse represented being the
- 8 settling between the rails.
- 9 MR. MICHAUD: Yes. Your Honor, I think the
- 10 picture speaks for itself. I mean, there's obviously
- 11 need to be additional --
- 12 JUDGE DUGGAN: The question was -- okay. You
- 13 already agreed that the representation was correct.
- 14 My question is, what are you going to
- 15 about it? When?
- 16 MR. MICHAUD: We just discussed prior to this
- 17 conference taking place that we can seek another
- 18 permit from the City of Chicago. There is an
- 19 individual there that we worked with before who was
- 20 able to help expedite the process and provide us with
- 21 a date to begin work. This is a pretty busy street
- 22 so the City of Chicago has to be intricately involved

- 1 as far as helping us with the traffic flow.
- 2 So I'm willing to initiate that
- 3 conversation this afternoon to set up a meeting with
- 4 the City of Chicago, and then when we go there they
- 5 will provide us an anticipated date for us to begin
- 6 their repair work, which I don't --
- 7 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And how are you going to
- 8 repair it?
- 9 MR. MICHAUD: I'm sorry?
- 10 JUDGE DUGGAN: How are you going to repair it?
- 11 MR. MICHAUD: My intention would be to hire the
- 12 same crew that started -- that worked on it
- 13 previously.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: I mean, are you going to put
- more hot mix asphalt on top? What's going to happen?
- 16 MR. MICHAUD: We are to discuss this with
- 17 Mr. Vercruysse to get exactly what needs to get done
- 18 as far as the proper terminology for the repair.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Mr. Vercruysse, do you know what
- 20 you're recommending the method of repair?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: Yes, your Honor.
- 22 JUDGE DUGGAN: What is it?

- 1 MR. VERCRUYSSE: For the eastbound lanes, the
- 2 remaining sections of the rubber panels should be
- 3 removed and replaced with hot mix asphalt, and the
- 4 section in between the rails where the pavement is
- 5 settling we have to remove, or the Chicago terminal
- 6 needs to remove all of that asphalt in between the
- 7 rails in the eastbound lane -- in the center lane.
- 8 So it's probably about a 12-foot wide section that
- 9 they'll need to cut out, physically remove, and then
- 10 put back new hot mix asphalt and make sure it goes
- 11 right up to the rails, and then they can allow their
- 12 trains to come through.
- 13 JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. So my understanding
- 14 is you just discussed two things: One was between
- the rails and one was outside the rails, correct?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- 17 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. So you're saying for the
- 18 between the rails, remove all of the existing hot mix
- 19 asphalt and put in new, and apparently put it in some
- 20 fashion clear up to the rails so it won't have the
- 21 existing problem; is that correct?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: That's correct.

- 1 JUDGE DUGGAN: Now, is that just the eastbound
- 2 lane or is that the entire width of the road.
- 3 MR. VERCRUYSSE: It was the eastbound lane that
- 4 I saw.
- 5 JUDGE DUGGAN: So only the eastbound lane
- 6 portion between the rails is the problem between the
- 7 rails, correct?
- 8 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- 9 JUDGE DUGGAN: Now, you mention at some other
- 10 course in the eastbound lane taking up whatever is
- 11 left of the rubber panels and apparently replacing
- 12 that with asphalt, correct?
- 13 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- 14 JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. So I assume then
- that you're saying that there is a problem with the
- 16 eastbound lane and -- first of all, we're
- 17 talking -- in the eastbound lane, are we talking the
- 18 north side or the south side?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: Your Honor, there's two
- 20 eastbound through lanes at this location, so you
- 21 could have two lanes of traffic heading eastbound.
- 22 The primary concern is with the inner lane, the lane

- 1 that's closest to the center of the roadway. So that
- 2 would be the north lane.
- 3 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And are you talking about
- 4 the approach from the west or after you crossed it?
- 5 MR. VERCRUYSSE: After you've crossed it.
- 6 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. So it's the northern of
- 7 the two eastbound lanes after you've cross the
- 8 crossing that is the problem, correct?
- 9 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- 10 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And what is the problem
- 11 there?
- 12 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Through that section the
- 13 asphalt has settled, the rubber panels are still not
- in the best shape and would probably be better to
- 15 have one consistent material through that section,
- 16 and then that should hopefully, with proper
- 17 compaction, provide an appropriate repair.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Now, Mr. Michaud, before
- 19 I asked you if you agreed that the representation
- 20 made with regard to the settling and the problem
- 21 between the rails, and you said yes, you did. And
- 22 now I ask you if you agree with the representation

- 1 regarding the northbound and east -- northern two
- 2 eastbound lanes after you cross them, if you agree
- 3 that there is a problem there that needs to be
- 4 addressed.
- 5 MR. MICHAUD: Yes.
- 6 JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. And you understood
- 7 what Mr. Vercruysse just proposed, which is taking up
- 8 all the rubber panels there and replacing
- 9 consistently with asphalt, correct?
- 10 MR. MICHAUD: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Now, does your
- 12 superintendant witness here have an opinion on that?
- Mr. Fuhrer, do you have an opinion as
- 14 to whether that is an appropriate fix?
- MR. T.J. FUHRER: That's an appropriate fix.
- 16 JUDGE DUGGAN: And also with regard to the fix
- 17 previously discussed between the tracks, which is to
- 18 take out all the existing hot mix asphalt and put in
- 19 new mix asphalt, do you agree that that's an
- 20 appropriate fix?
- 21 MR. T.J. FURHER: Yes.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And is Iowa Pacific

- 1 Holdings and Chicago Terminal prepared to go forth
- 2 with both of these mixes as soon as they have the
- 3 Chicago permit and time scheduled to do so?
- 4 MR. MICHAUD: Yes.
- 5 MR. T.J. FURHER: Yes.
- 6 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And the only one's who's
- 7 going to -- who's not going to know what that is
- 8 until you get it, but from your experience,
- 9 Mr. Fuhrer, what's our time frame inside and, you
- 10 know, the shortest time frame and the longest time
- 11 frame inside and out?
- MR. T.J. FURHER: To finish the project, it
- 13 would take about one day, or a half a day to a day
- 14 with this.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: And in your experience with the
- 16 City of Chicago, what's the soonest you can get a
- 17 permit and what's the latest one might get a permit?
- 18 MR. T.J. FUHRER: Without knowing any of the
- 19 event, provided there are no events in the area, I
- 20 expect that we can do it within a couple weeks.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. And Mr. Alonzo, you see
- 22 any reason why it might not be able to be done in a

- 1 of couple weeks?
- MR. JOE B. ALONZO: Not with the knowledge I
- 3 have now. No, your Honor.
- 4 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Is there anything else
- 5 before we proceed to Division Street, Mr. Vercruysse?
- 6 MR. VERCRUYSSE: No, your Honor.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Mr. Michaud?
- 8 MR. MICHAUD: No.
- 9 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Mr. Policicchio?
- 10 MR. POLICICCHIO: No, your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE DUGGAN: Policicchio. Pardon me.
- 12 All right. Then we're going to move
- 13 to Division Street.
- Now, is the first problem with
- 15 Division Street the question of when Chicago intends
- 16 to alter that grade, Mr. Vercruysse? Is that the
- 17 thumbnail question?
- 18 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Your Honor, prior to the
- 19 hearing, new information was brought forward by the
- 20 Chicago terminal as far as other work that was done
- in the area by ComEd where actual resurfacing may
- 22 have been completed all the way up to the rail in

- 1 which it would have addressed certain issues. So I
- 2 think I can let Mr. Michaud speak to that, and then I
- 3 need to do a field review because that work has taken
- 4 place since I was last out in the area.
- 5 JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. You say ComEd did
- 6 work?
- 7 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Commonwealth Edison had a
- 8 large underground utility project in the area and
- 9 under the tracks of the Chicago Terminal. In
- 10 rehabilitating the area or restoration of the
- 11 pavement and all of the patches and things that they
- 12 needed for that underground utility work, it has now
- 13 been brought forward that they resurfaced Division
- 14 Street through this area, thereby potentially
- 15 correcting many of the issues we had.
- 16 After that, relative to the City of
- 17 Chicago and any proposed work, again, that's why we
- 18 had asked the City to be present and represent any
- 19 items that they may have.
- 20 MR. JOE B. ALONZO: Yeah. What I could --
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Who -- Mr. Policicchio or
- 22 Mr. Alonzo, do either of you know what the City's

- 1 plans are for the area of Division Street approaching
- 2 the crossing from both directions?
- 3 MR. POLICICCHIO: I'll let Mr. Alonzo speak to
- 4 that.
- 5 MR. JOE B. ALONZO: Yes. Well, what we did
- 6 over the last year was put a temporary bridge just to
- 7 the east of this location of where the track is
- 8 currently located, and that is a temporary bridge
- 9 that will be reconstructed in the next couple of
- 10 years. Part of scope of that project will also
- include redoing -- resurfacing the roadway to the
- 12 east and west of bridge, which would include the
- 13 scope of the -- where the tracks are currently
- 14 located with the Chicago Terminal Railway.
- 15 At the time there was a consideration
- 16 that it may affect the profile of the railroad, but
- 17 the project manager indicated to me that the railroad
- 18 should not be precluded from proceeding with their
- 19 improvement because it would not have any impact or
- 20 effect -- adverse effect to what we were going to be
- 21 doing as part of the roadway construction project.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: When you say the superintendant,

- 1 you mean the superintendant of that project or whom?
- MR. JOE B. ALONZO: The project manager, who's
- 3 a civil engineer, indicated that the roadway
- 4 construction work will not have any effect on the
- 5 improvement that the Chicago Terminal Railway will be
- 6 doing or vice versa.
- 7 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Mr. Michaud or
- 8 Mr. Fuhrer, were you aware of that before today?
- 9 MR. T.J. FUHRER: No, we didn't know -- we
- 10 didn't know the intent of the City, I guess you would
- 11 say. We didn't know what the plans were. All we
- 12 know that ComEd did their repairs, and everybody was
- 13 satisfied with that. We don't know what the time
- 14 line of the City of Chicago is as far as the whole --
- 15 JUDGE DUGGAN: Right. Right. Right. The
- 16 ultimate question being this: The representation
- 17 just made by Mr. Alonzo is that the project manager
- 18 for the City said there's no reason to wait -- the
- 19 railroad has no reason to wait anymore.
- 20 MR. T.J. FUHRER: Correct.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: I mean, that's where we are now.
- MR. T.J. FUHRER: Yes, that's fine. We'll

- 1 proceed forward if they decide that the crossing
- 2 needs more fixing -- is that the word? Or more
- 3 repair.
- 4 MR. MICHAUD: I think it's our position that
- 5 the crossing is now in a satisfactory condition; that
- 6 it no longer poses an issue that needs to be
- 7 addressed in this hearing.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: So basically,
- 9 Mr. Vercruysse -- this is new to Mr. Vercruysse,
- 10 Mr. Vercruysse needs to go out and look at it, and
- 11 Mr. Vercruysse has no position until he does it; is
- 12 that fair?
- 13 MR. VERCRUYSSE: That's correct, your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. Good deal.
- Then there's nothing else we can do on
- 16 that one until we get that. So what I would suggest
- 17 is that -- it seems to me like the Railroad is
- 18 agreeable with moving forth, immediately with
- 19 obtaining a permit, and performing these repairs to
- North Avenue as discussed, and that once
- 21 Mr. Vercruysse inspects the Division Street then he
- 22 will communicate with Mr. Michaud and they will

- 1 hopefully agree upon a course of action.
- 2 Are those representations fair so far,
- 3 Mr. Vercruysse?
- 4 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Yes, your Honor.
- 5 JUDGE DUGGAN: Mr. Michaud?
- 6 MR. MICHAUD: Yes
- 7 JUDGE DUGGAN: Very good.
- 8 Okay. I think the one thing that
- 9 I'm -- leaves me --and I'm certain we covered
- 10 everything -- is that this repair of North Avenue.
- Is that still a temporary repair,
- 12 Mr. Vercruysse?
- 13 MR. VERCRUYSSE: With this -- once this work
- 14 is completed eastbound, I believe it should meet the
- 15 minimum requirements of the Administrative Code so
- that it rides satisfactorily, and I will have to wait
- 17 until that repair's complete. Right now, it does not
- 18 meet what I would say is an acceptable ride.
- 19 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Now, on the southern of
- 20 the two eastbound lanes, did they not leave rubber
- 21 panels in there?
- MR. VERCRUYSSE: Most of those were replaced,

- 1 if not all of them. I'm sorry, I'm looking at a
- 2 couple pictures. I don't believe any
- 3 other -- it was only in that northern lane of the
- 4 eastbound -- and maybe Mr. Fuhrer can provide more
- 5 information -- but it just seemed that it was in that
- 6 segment.
- 7 JUDGE DUGGAN: Well, what my question was
- 8 directed towards was if they did leave rubber panels
- 9 on the -- after you crossed the crossing of the
- 10 southern of the eastbound lanes, then it would seem
- 11 that that has been part of the problem, and if there
- 12 are still rubber panels there, even though it's not a
- 13 visible fix -- not a visible problem now, it's my
- 14 understanding that when they were doing a temporary
- 15 fix anyway, that I am trying to get at whether that
- 16 should be addressed so that there's a permanent fix.
- 17 Did that make any sense to you,
- 18 Mr. Vercruysse?
- 19 MR. VERCRUYSSE: I'm not sure I understand
- 20 exactly, your Honor.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: All right. Let me give it
- 22 another shot.

- 1 First of all, do we know whether there
- 2 are rubber panels still on the southern of the
- 3 eastbound lanes?
- 4 MR. VERCRUYSSE: There are not. Those panels
- 5 were removed, your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. On both the approaches
- 7 and after you cross the crossing, they're all
- 8 removed?
- 9 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- 10 JUDGE DUGGAN: And so the fix has been done
- 11 with asphalt, correct?
- 12 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: And, as far as you know, that is
- 14 as good as any fixes we're ever going to get -- and
- so it's as good as a permanent fix, correct?
- 16 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Correct.
- 17 JUDGE DUGGAN: Unless you go back and inspect
- it and find that it's settled or some other problem
- 19 has happened, correct?
- 20 MR. VERCRUYSSE: That's correct.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. So you don't see a
- problem in there before, when we're ready to conclude

- 1 this thing, it's very possible it may be all we need
- 2 to do there, right?
- 3 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Yes, your Honor. Correct.
- 4 JUDGE DUGGAN: Good deal. So it's just those
- 5 two things, and it sounds like everybody's ready to
- 6 go on that. So I think all we will do then
- 7 is -- hopefully cooperation will exist and
- 8 Mr. Vercruysse will at some point file another report
- 9 telling me how things are going -- or making his
- 10 representation as to how things are going, and we
- 11 will then have a hearing to determine if anyone
- 12 disagrees with him, and at some point we'll have a
- 13 hearing to determine whether sanctions should be
- 14 imposed for the delay this doing this, but that will
- 15 also wait until we get all these temporary
- 16 problems or the known problems fixed.
- 17 So, is there anything else on this
- 18 case today, Mr. Vercruysse?
- 19 MR. VERCRUYSSE: Nothing further, your Honor.
- 20 Thank you.
- JUDGE DUGGAN: Mr. Michaud?
- MR. MICHAUD: No, your Honor.

| 1 | JUDGE DUGGAN: Mr. Policicchio? |
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| 2 | MR. POLICICCHIO: No, your Honor. |
| 3 | JUDGE DUGGAN: Okay. Well, I appreciate all of |
| 4 | you coming in, and that will conclude the hearing in |
| 5 | T14-075 today. Thank you very much. |
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